

# House File 349 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act giving weight to school district reorganization
- 2 petitions filed with an area education agency and signed by
- 3 eligible electors.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 275.6, Code 2017, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **275.6 Progressive program.**

4 1. It is the intent of **this chapter** that the area education  
5 agency board shall carry on the program of reorganization  
6 progressively and shall, insofar as is possible, authorize  
7 submission of proposals to the electors as they are developed  
8 and approved.

9 2. If a petition signed by eligible electors is filed with  
10 an area education agency as authorized under this chapter, in  
11 reviewing such a petition, if the petition does not comply with  
12 the plans which had been adopted by the area education agency  
13 board, or by the board of an affected school district, the area  
14 education agency board shall give weight to the petition, but  
15 shall not be bound by it.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill requires an area education agency (AEA) board that  
20 is reviewing a petition, signed by eligible electors, for a  
21 school district merger, consolidation, or boundary change that  
22 does not comply with plans adopted by an AEA board or school  
23 board, to give weight to the petition. However, the AEA board  
24 is not bound by the petition.